

EDITORIALS

Learning Goes Two Ways

In September, two teen-agers, from foreign lands will arrive in Torrance to spend their senior year at Torrance High School and live in local homes as "adopted" members of the family.

At least that's the dream of the Torrance Chapter, American Field Service International Chapter. We like the idea. We hope you do too, for its realization depends on you.

To bring the two students here will cost from \$600 to \$950 depending on the countries from which they come. That money must come from chapter committee fundraising projects which include the entire community, from club and organizational treasuries, and from individual purses.

The initial cost of financing the trip, we believe, will be met, for most Torranicians, along with other Americans, are quick to reach down in their purses when they are called upon for aid in a worthy cause.

But the responsibility cannot be counted in dollars alone.

The idea behind the AFSIS project is to better acquaint countries, through individuals, with each other, thereby creating a little more of the understanding that is necessary for world peace.

That's fine, you say. Why, here we have everything. There's so much "they" can learn from us.

That's true. But how about our learning a little from them?

It seems to be a universal American failing to think that we are the best and what any other country has to offer is only secondary.

That is not true. We do not have or know so much that there is nothing we can gain from people in other lands.

It's a point to remember when the AFSIS project goes through. After the students arrive, don't overwhelm with "Now here in America we do it like this." Give them a chance to say "In our country we do it another way."

Don't stress what a wonderful opportunity it is for them to be here. Most people in foreign lands already have the idea that America is some kind of second heaven.

Instead, think what an opportunity it is for you to have them here. You'll be able to learn first-hand about other nations and their people, instead of reading about them.

If this two-way attitude prevails, not only will the students be able to take something back to their own people, but they will leave something here with us which will add immeasurably to international understanding.

Remember this when you give your dollar or dollars to AFSIS. Whether you learn nothing, a little, or a lot is strictly up to you.

Federal Road Help Boosted

Conferees from both the Senate and House have agreed to an increase in Federal aid for highway construction from \$652,500,000 to \$966,000,000. This is a first step in the right direction of more Federal money for highways, and will be readily approved by most of the country's voters.

It has long been claimed that the Federal government has been using too much highway-produced revenue for purposes other than construction and maintenance of a decent system of highways. While this revenue totals billions of dollars, in the past the Federal Government has been able to spend only a little over a half a billion dollars on the nation's roads.

Since the end of World War II, in 1945, the number of vehicles on the roads has increased so rapidly that over-crowding and deteriora-

tion of highways has become a major problem. Highway experts have almost unanimously agreed that a larger Federal and State expenditure is absolutely necessary to maintain a first-class road system.

House and Senate conferees have accepted this advice, to some extent, in increasing the annual appropriation for Federal highways to almost a billion dollars. Although this is a major increase, compared with the expenditure appropriated for this purpose last year, many say this figure will have to be increased considerably in the next year or two.

The Federal Government will probably have to spend as much as two or three billion dollars on roads in coming years, and if it were not for heavy defense outlays at present, there would be no justification for not spending that amount at the present time.

A Retaliatory Defense

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, whose outspoken comments sometimes surprise reporters, told members of the House Appropriations committee recently that the United States is relatively secure against atomic attacks from Russia. Mr. Wilson said the security stemmed from this country's readiness to retaliate with a massive attack of its own.

Wilson—like predecessors in the Defense Department—is relying mainly on the retaliatory power of the United States Air Force to prevent Russian aggression. The fact that this country has built and is now operating bases all over the world, in semi-circle almost surrounding Russia, adds to the possibility that the Russians will be reluctant to launch the first atomic attack, even if war between this country and the Soviet Union broke out.

We have long believed that the greatest danger to this country's security lies in getting ensnared in a major land war, in Asia or elsewhere, where Communist masses could be used against United States troops fighting thousands of miles from home, and where the U.S. troops would not be supported by this country's superiority in atomic and hydrogen weapons.

The manpower of our allies is almost a prerequisite for successfully conducting a conventional war against Communist nations and it is for this reason that the United States must have allies. Our far-flung bases and our atomic and hydrogen weapons may prevent surprise attacks, but only the cooperation of our allies can enable us to successfully conclude another war without bleeding the country's manpower white.

Large Scale Maneuvers

The Army and Air Force are completing Exercise Flash Burn—one of the largest peace time maneuvers ever staged in this country—in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In the maneuvers some of the Army's latest drops ever to be staged were featured.

The Air Force, simulating combat conditions, flew in fighter groups from as far West as the State of Washington, and set them up on fields which were, only a few weeks before, completely abandoned.

The Army used, for the first time in maneuvers, its artillery rocket "Honest John." The guided missile and atomic cannon were also used, as well as tactical television. The Air Force employed Douglas B-124 Globemasters, Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcars and many other large aircraft to bring in field equipment.

Force flew in jeeps and other heavy equipment used by ground crews and completely established the air base with aerial delivery of equipment and supplies.

Following the South Atlantic States maneuvers, another maneuver—designed to test the effectiveness of the armed services—will be staged in Texas. The maneuvers of the armed services this year are highly important in that new techniques and new equipments are being tested in field operations for the first time. Also hanging over the country's head is the possibility of future commitments in Indo-China. Therefore the maneuvers take on a significant note of importance.

Although maneuvers cost plenty of money and the armed services are often criticized for expenditures thereon, most believe the maneuvers of 1954 are necessary, and a good investment of the taxpayer's dollar.

It's All How Y' Look At It



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A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION:

Dreams can be most prophetic and my files are filled with letters from you readers which prove beyond the question of a doubt how practical dreams can really be. Mrs. T. J. of Burbank writes: "Ever since a child I had the recurring dream of the house burning and my loss of life through it. I always dreamed of a large hall with a staircase and the flames destroying the scene within a few seconds. Later to my surprise my husband fell

hair to such a house, and was quite miffed because I refused to live in this house. Three days later the house mysteriously caught fire and a woman, much my own age and type, lost her life. This would have been me had I not sensed the danger because of my dream. Dreams are more actual than life!"

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

Las Vegas Gold will be the top favorite color this coming season! . . . You women will soon invade the field of male labor by becoming quite adept at the wheel of a tractor this summer throughout our agricultural areas! . . . A new low calory meal made from the rinds of lemons, oranges, grapefruits and limes will soon be used in the making of bread and pastries and will take the place of your ordinary flour. This citrus flour is rich in protein and highly nutritious. Florida, Arizona and California will lead in the production of this new and wholesome American food! . . . A new beauty secret will be if you girls will take a face sponge, dip it in warm oil, and use a circular motion all over the face and neck, you will find the skin will become normalized and cleaned. Follow with a sudsing and an ice pack and you will be amazed how much younger looking you will be.

FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Rusty Draper: You will be the next star to zoom to the heights! . . . Molina, Illinois: A huge government project will come your way in October! . . . Bing Crosby: You will surprise your fans with a quick romantic elopement very soon! . . . Philadelphia. Expect a tragic fire! . . . Margaret Bourke White, Your new series of photographs will win you a very wonderful prize internationally! . . . Flying Saucer Fans: Robert Coe Gardner of San Francisco will soon make a most important announcement! . . . J. Edgar Hoover: Your new book on "Why The F. B. I." will be quoted for a century! . . . Ada Martin: Your fad of Holiday Tours to odd and unusual places will grow in popularity and will be copied by many progressive cities throughout America! . . . Denver, Colorado: The United States Mint will soon have a new addition, and will increase the staff by 100!

Mrs. Ida L. P.—Some of the places you described are unfit for human habitation and your husband has been taking advantage of your good nature just to save money. He has been miserly through your entire married life, and you have put up with this without uttering one word of complaint. I advise you to put your foot down and insist that your husband obtain a transfer, and that you select your future living quarters. Your husband needs you much more than you need him, and I feel he will be quite shocked but agreeable.

Mrs. Linda C., 888—Thank you so much for your photograph and one would never believe that you are 58 years of age and a grandmother. You are most attractive and I advise you to try this new hair style for I am sure it would be most becoming. You are as old as you feel, which practically makes you a school-grad. I know that you will be able to handle your family, for they have always admired your judgment. You will convince yourself that you should go to this dance, and I know it will open many doors to you.

Mrs. Virginia T., 823—I want you to go to your doctor immediately and take your husband with you. Your doctor will put you on a special diet for you have had quite a few dizzy spells recently. Your husband will then realize that you did not faint merely to attract the attention of this utter stranger.

Lavinia T.—Now that our husband's dogs are caged in the yard, you will be able to have a garden that will be the envy of your neighborhood. There will always be a bouquet of flowers in your living room window.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

TOBACCO . . . Cancer . . . and TRUTH

Most of our tobacco in the United States comes from the South. It's one of the South's biggest money assets. Some of the Southern states would be reduced to almost poverty without tobacco. Atlanta is the heart of the South and the hub of the tobacco market. In Atlanta the Southern Medical Association held its annual convention. Southern doctors had more to say about tobacco than about anything else, because of the recent controversies between tobacco companies and cancer-researchers on the subject of lung cancer and its connection with tobacco.

What some Southern doctors had to say about the harmful effects shocked the "tobacco auctioneers." It took a lot of courage for the doctors to say it in the South. If it were not for their desire to "let the youth of America know the truth about tobacco, to offset the false claims made by tobacco advertising" they might never have tackled this ticklish subject in Atlanta. Financially they certainly would have been better off, if they avoided the subject altogether. Everyone in the tobacco business in the South would have liked them better if they had said nothing. But for the doctors to state: "All tobacco in any form, filter or no filter, is not good for the body. . . . It is irritating to the throat, lungs, membranes . . . the very nature of the tobacco plant, chemically irritates and dries the membranes of the respiratory tract and interferes with their normal functions. . . . well, it took a kind of courage that's rare, refreshing and self-rewarding."

Cigarettes Influence Cancer The American Cancer Society has again voiced its suspicion that cigarette smoking has "something to do with lung cancer." Here is their official statement: "Evidence to date justifies the suspicion that cigarette smoking does, to a degree, increase the likelihood of developing cancer of the lung. Dr. Charles S. Cameron, Medical and Scientific Director of the ACS said, "This is the first time the Society has taken a definite stand on the

controversial question of lung cancer and tobacco. My advice to smokers is to cut down. To the young; do not smoke. To women; it is more harmful for you than men. In addition to its unpleasant effects on your breath." When asked about moderation in smoking, Dr. Cameron said: "If you must smoke, cut it down to less than 8 cigarettes per day."

Former U. S. Surgeon General Everts A. Graham said: "Dr. Ernest L. Wynder and I have reproduced cancer experimentally in mice by using merely the tars from tobacco smoke and then using the tobacco alone. This shows conclusively that there is something in cigarette smoke, from all its sources, which can produce cancer. This is no longer a theory. Our experiments have proved it beyond any doubt." Another U. S. surgeon, Dr. Alton Ochsner, predicted that "at the rate people are smoking today, by 1970 one out of every ten will develop lung cancer."

The British Medical Journal says: "Among 200 lung cancer patients, particularly among men and women with long histories of heavy cigarette smoking."

Prominent doctors are cooperating with tobacco companies in research to isolate all causal agents in tobacco for the purpose of removing them. Dr. Everts A. Graham had this to say in a recent medical paper: "The cigarette companies are spending millions in the newspapers, radio and TV, trying to induce more cigarette smoking, particularly among young men and women many of whom will become victims of cancer of the lung twenty years from now. It is certainly the moral obligation and common sense on the part of the cigarette manufacturers to support private research and not so-called "research" inside the cigarette manufacturers' laboratories."

Medical experts are definite in their opinion that the cancer-inducing agencies in a cigarette are not confined to nicotine, but to "several" other factors as well. Life insurance statistics indicate that "the death rate among smokers is 93 per 1000, compared with 59 per 1000 for non-smokers, all other things being equal."

THE MAIL BOX

Religious Policy

Editor, The Torrance Herald: On March 7, 1954 a small and seemingly insignificant release (AP) appeared. It read: "Dr. Truett, head of the philosophy department of Earlham College at Richmond, Ind., is to become chief of religious policy for the U. S. Information Agency, officials said today."

This appointment raises some serious questions: Does the creation of the office of "Chief of Religious Policy" set aside "principles of religious equality, toleration, and liberty set forth in the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence?" Twelve clergymen who called in the office of the U. S. Information Agency on April 13 from the American Council of Christian Churches believe it does. They presented a petition and a brief objecting to its establishment. In talking to the clergymen Dr. Truett announced, "I pledge that I will be fair in dealing with your group."

requested Dr. Truett's removal from office immediately, not only on their objection to such an office, but to its lack of confidence in Dr. Truett, an avowed pacifist, who has shown sympathy to some Marxian ideals and has published books on the subject.

The brief concluded: If the U. S. Government is going to continue the business of propagandizing the world, she should report to the world the freedom and diversity, and the independence of religious groups and opinions within the United States and let it rest at that alone! And such does not require the council, advice, or philosophy of any religious expert. To attempt to blend and adjust religious opinions can only stir controversies. We believe that such a position in the office of the U. S. Information Agency is inimical to the cause of religious freedom and the best interests of the U. S. A., and we therefore respectfully submit that it be discontinued. We do not have confidence in Dr. Truett for any such calling."

We too would like to see more personal religion and fewer experts. ANDREW DUFFY, Pastor First Baptist Church Park and Newton, Walteria

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